

- **MINUTES**
- **TOWN OF BELMONT**
- **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
- **SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM**
- **Monday, December 7, 2009**
 - **7:30 PM**

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- **CALL TO ORDER**

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- A regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 7:35 pm by Chair Leclerc in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Firenze and Jones were present. Town Administrator Tom Younger and Assistant Town Administrator Jeff Conti were also present.

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- **QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS**

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- There were none.

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- **ACTION BY APPOINTMENT**

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- **Winn Brook Sewer Improvements**

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- Mr. Glenn Clancy, Community Development Director, and Mr. Justin Gould, from Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike, appeared before the Board to discuss the Winn Brook sewer overflow mitigation. Mr. Clancy reviewed that these issues have been around for a very long time. Mr. Clancy and Mr. Gould have been working on this problem for three years.

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- Mr. Gould noted that the problem is that the sewers periodically overflow and back up into homes in the Winn Brook area. He detailed the areas impacted. He explained that the backups are due to an increased hydraulic grade line (HGL), which is caused by system capacity constraints. The mitigation concept includes: increased sewer capacity, flow diversion, storage, and isolation and pumping. Cambridge was consulted in this process and there are no adverse impacts to Cambridge.

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- The proposal includes: isolating the Winn Brook area during elevated HGL conditions, diverting the flow upstream, in-line storage conduit, and a 15% town-wide infiltration and inflow (I/I) reduction.

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- Funding for the project (contracts 1, 2 and 3) would come from a state revolving loan totaling \$11.6M.

- The project has gone out to bid and it is hoped that construction will begin this Spring and be completed in July 2011 (totaling 18 months). Selectman Jones noted that the January 15th deadline is a hard deadline and the state will reallocate the money if we miss this deadline. The Board agreed to have the papers signed in a timely fashion.

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- Mr. Clancy noted that this project focuses on public areas in the system, not private sump pumps. The Board discussed the 15% town-wide I/I reduction. Selectman Firenze asked about the impact of this to the Uplands. Mr. Gould replied that the Uplands would discharge its storm water to Brighton Street. However, the sewer water flow could be held in a tank and then discharged at a safer time.

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- *The Board moved:* To support the recommendations presented to the Board for the Winn Brook sewer overflow mitigation proposal.
- The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Regionalized Health Department Discussion

- Ms. Donna Moultrup, Health Department Director, and Mr. Joe Domelowicz from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council appeared before the Board to discuss possible regionalization of Belmont's Health Department with Arlington and Lexington. Mr. Domelowicz reviewed the regionalization proposal and noted that a final plan will be presented by the end of December. He has met with all three Boards of Health and all three town administrators. He reviewed some of the highlights of the regionalization proposal. All present positions would be preserved. Arlington would be the central location for this. Some fiscal savings will occur from Ms. Moultrup's retirement, as she will not be replaced. The real value to regionalization is in the improved ability to provide health services for all three towns at a lower cost, e.g. there will now be a pool of health inspectors to serve Belmont, a pool of nurses, etc. Some accountability concerns have arisen, however. The new health department will have a liaison interacting with the Belmont's department heads. Union issues would still need to be addressed.

- The Board discussed the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) bullet points. The Board discussed how the positions of Veterans Officer and Animal Control Officer would be handled, as these are part of the Belmont Health Department but are handled differently in other towns.

Fire Headquarters Naming Discussion

- Chief Frizzell (along with many present and retired firefighters in the audience) appeared before the Board to request support for a resolution to rename the Trapelo Road Fire Headquarters after Belmont firefighter Mr. Roland A. Weatherbee, Jr. who died in the line of duty in March 1985. He reviewed that the naming of buildings after significant people has a history in this town. He explained that this resolution has unanimous support. He noted that the Trapelo Road station is the appropriate station for the area that Weatherbee served as a firefighter. The 25th anniversary of his death is coming up in March and the Fire Department would like to hold the naming and dedication ceremony at that time.

- Mr. Younger noted that the Board of Selectmen have the authority to rename the building, and that there are no by-laws or written policies to guide this process.

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- Selectman Firenze said he is supportive of this request, but is concerned about the precedent it sets.
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- *The Board moved:* To accept Chief Frizzell's request to rename the Trapelo Road Fire Headquarters after Mr. Roland Weatherbee, Jr.
- The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

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- **Vision 21 Committee – Charge Changes**
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- Dr. Paul Solomon, Vision 21 Chair, appeared before the Board to discuss the Vision 21 Committee charge changes. Dr. Solomon said that the changes they would like made are to the composition and responsibilities of the Committee. Dr. Solomon proposed to have a nine-member committee (as opposed to 10) and have all nine members be chosen by the Selectmen to serve for three year terms (as opposed to having representation from various town committees, e.g. WC, SC, BOS). The Planning and Economic Development Manager will be an advisor to the Committee. As for responsibilities, there are only slight changes, he said. Selectman Firenze said he was concerned about the relationship between the Vision 21 Committee and the Comprehensive Planning for the town as well as the Core work which is about to begin. There are several groups working on Belmont's vision – how do they all relate? he asked. Dr. Solomon replied that the Comprehensive Plan speaks to one of the principles of the Vision 21 group. He added that the Vision 21 Committee welcomes newcomers to Belmont and no other Town body is doing this. It fills in the areas that aren't being addressed elsewhere, he explained. Chair Leclerc said that there is a synergy between the Comprehensive Plan and the Vision 21 group.

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- The Board discussed with Dr. Solomon the scope and direction of the Vision 21 Committee and who sets its agenda. Selectman Firenze requested more specific direction for the Vision 21 scope. Chair Leclerc noted that there is a benefit to having their charge wide open: it allows them to think of ideas that the Board has not thought of.

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- *The Board moved:* To support the Vision 21 Committee charge revisions as proposed.
- The motion passed (2-1).

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- Selectman Jones clarified that the Vision 21 Chair will bring the Committee's ideas to the Board for any possible action.
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- **Liquor License Renewals**
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- The following establishments are applying for liquor license renewals: Andros Diner, Belmont Country Club, Asai, Brother Pizza, Il Casale, Kashish, Patou, Pho and Thai, Savino's, Shangri-La, and Stone Hearth Pizza. The following retail establishments are also applying for liquor license renewals: Artichok and Spirited Gourmet.
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- Mr. Younger noted that all paperwork needs to be completed by December 31st, 2009. Also, two applications have not paid their bills in full: Andros (utility) and the owner of Il Casale (taxes for 2008).

- *The Board moved:* To approve the liquor license renewal requests of the above named establishments, subject to payment (or payment plan) of all outstanding taxes and utility bills up through 2008 and the completion of all paper work by December 31, 2009.

- The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

ACTION BY CONSENT

Common Victualler's License

The following establishments are requesting a Common Victualler's renewal license: Brother Pizza, Starbucks (Trapelo Road), Starbucks (Leonard Street), Shangri-La, Pho and Thai, Patou and Kashish.

- *The Board moved:* To approve the Common Victualler's license requests of the above named establishments, providing that all paper work is complete.

- The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

- *The Board moved:* To approve Belmont Country Club's request for extended hours (to 1:00 a.m.) and the two (Church Street and Trapelo Road) Dunkin Donuts' request for early hours (to open at 5:00 a.m.) and to approve the license renewal. The extended hours will be reviewed by the Board in three months and again in six months.

- The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

ACTION BY WRITING

Board of Assessors – Authorization to Issue 3rd Quarter “Preliminary” Bills

- *The Board moved:* To approve the request to authorize and issue 3rd quarter Preliminary Bills.

- The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Class I and II Licenses

Cityside Subaru has requested a Class I Renewal license request.

Superior Trading, Brothers Auto Service, and Waverley Auto Exchange have requested a Class II renewal license.

A.D.J.M. has requested a first-time application.

- - *The Board moved:* To accept the Class I and II license requests of the above named establishments.
 - The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

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• **Executive Session**

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• The Board moved: To enter into Executive Session at 9:29 to discuss litigation. The Board will not return to Open Session.

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• *(During executive session, no substantive motions were made. The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 pm.)*

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• Thomas G. Younger, Town
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